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1. THE GKR FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ASKED THE EMBASSY TO
TRANSMIT THROUGH OUR FACILITIES THE TEXT OF A DECLARATION
MADE BY PRESIDENT LON NOL AT NOON LOCAL TIME OCTOBER 1
CONCERNING THE ACTIVITIES OF VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS IN

CAMBODIA SO THAT IT MIGHT BE MADE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO THE GKR MISSIONS AT YOUR LOCATIONS. THEY HAVE ASKED US TO DO SO BECAUSE THEIR COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES WILL NOT ENSURE EARLY DELIVERY AND BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE THIS TEXT MAY BE OF IMMEDIATE HELP IN PREPARING FOR THE PROSPECTIVE CREDENTIALS BATTLE AT THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

2. WE WOULD MOST APPRECIATE YOUR PASSING TO LOCAL GKR DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES THE FOLLOWING ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF LON NOL'S DECLARATION.

QUOTE

MESSAGE TO THE NATION
FROM MARSHALL LON NOL, PRESIDENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC

THEIR EMINENCES THE CHIEFS OF THE TWO BUDDHIST ORDERS,

DEAR COMPATRIOTS,

IT IS MY DUTY TODAY TO INFORM YOU OF THE GRAVE DANGERS WHICH THREATEN US AND TO SHOW YOU THE PATH WHICH WE MUST FOLLOW TO ACHIEVE VICTORY, PEACE, HAPPINESS, AND PROSPERITY.

IT HAS BEEN PROVEN THAT THE NORTH VIETNAMESE-VIETCONG AGGRESSORS ARE SAVAGE EXPANSIONISTS DETERMINED TO FULFILL THE "TESTAMENT OF HO CHI MINH" IN DEFIANCE OF THE INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY OF THE PEOPLES OF INDOCHINA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA, AND THUS THREATENING THE PEACE AND TRANQUILITY OF THE ENTIRE WORLD.

THEIR CRIMINAL ACTIONS AND INTENTIONS CANNOT BE IMAGINED BY ALL CIVILIZED PEOPLES.

INDEED, VERY RECENTLY, DURING THE ATTACKS AGAINST THE CITY OF KOMPONG CHAM, WITH CONTEMPT FOR ALL HUMANITARIAN PRINCIPLES,
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THEY SAVAGELY MASSACRED MANY WOUNDED WHO WERE BED-RIDDEN IN A HOSPITAL. THE MANNER IN WHICH THEY ACCOMPLISHED THEIR DEED WAS HIGHLY DETESTABLE.

THE UNFORTUNATE VICTIMS WERE MOWED DOWN WITH MACHINE GUNS AND GRENADES WHILE THOSE STILL STRUGGLING TOWARD THE DOOR WERE DISPATCHED WITH BAYONETS. EVEN THOSE IN AMBULANCES WERE NOT SPARED. THE KHMER PEOPLE AND FOREIGN OBSERVERS OF GOOD FAITH WERE HIGHLY INDIGNANT AT THIS BARBARITY.

CONTRARY TO ALL EXPECTATIONS THESE SAVAGE AGGRESSORS TOOK THE COWARDLY STEP OF STRIKING AGAINST AN INNOCENT SOCIAL-HUMANITARIAN UN PROJECT, THE PREK THNOT DAM, WHICH THEY ATTACKED

AND PARTIALLY DESTROYED IN SEPTEMBER 1971 AND AGAIN AT THE END OF AUGUST 1973.

THEY HAVE COMMITTED COUNTLESS CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN, MONKS, AND CULTURAL TREASURES, AND THE LIST IS GROWING LONGER EVERY DAY.

THESE ACTS ARE ALL THE MORE UNACCEPTABLE SINCE THEY HAVE TAKEN PLACE MORE THAN SEVEN MONTHS AFTER THE CONCLUSION OF THE PARIS ACCORDS AND AFTER THE TOTAL CESSATION OF AMERICAN AERIAL SUPPORT TO THE KHMER REPUBLIC, WHICH IS AT PRESENT FIGHTING ALONE AGAINST THE EXPANSIONISM OF THESE INDOCHINESE COMMUNISTS.

THE COWARDLY METHODS OF THESE INDOCHINESE COMMUNIST FRONT AGGRESSORS GO EVEN FURTHER AND PIT KHMER AGAINST KHMER THROUGH THE CREATION OF RED KHMER, KHMER RUMDOS AND OTHER GROUPS WHOM THE COMMUNISTS ENCOURAGE TO FIGHT AMONG THEMSELVES.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KHMER REPUBLIC, FACED WITH THIS DELIBERATE GENOCIDE OF OUR PEOPLE IN CONTEMPT OF THE AGREEMENTS WHICH THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AND VIETCONG THEMSELVES SIGNED, ON SEPTEMBER 24, 1973, LODGED A STRONG PROTEST AGAINST THE PRESENCE OF NORTH VIETNAMESE AND VIETCONG TROUPS AND DEMANDED THEIR IMMEDIATE WITHDRAWAL FROM KHMER TERRITORY.

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I FIRMLY SUPPORT THIS PROTEST AS WELL AS THE RENEWAL OF
THE SIX-POINT PEACE PROPOSALS OF THE HIGH POLITICAL COUNCIL
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF JULY 6, 1973. OUR ATTITUDE IS ONE MF
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UNCHANGING RESOLUTION IN THE STRUGGLE TO RE-ESTABLISH PEACE
AND INDEPENDENCE, SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY.

I THUS APPEAL TO KHMER OF ALL TENDENCIES TO UNITE QUICKLY
TO FACE THE NORTH VIETNAMESE AND VIETCONG AGGRESSORS, THOSE
HYPOCRITES AND MALINGERS WHOSE DECEITFUL DOUBLE-DEALING HAS
BEEN EXPOSED AND DENOUNCED BY THEIR KHMER ROUGE AUXILIARIES,
THEMSELVES. THE EXTENSIVE EVIDENCE OF THIS FACT INCLUDES A
TESTIMONY OF A KHMER ROUGE MAJOR WHO RALLIED TO OUR FORCES
DURING THE RECENT FIGHTING AROUND PHNOM PENH, AND THAT OF AN
EMINENT MONK LEADER FROM KOMPONG CHAM WHOM THE ENEMY APPOINTED
TO A HIGH LOCAL POLITICAL ORGANIZATION RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SO-
CALLED "30TH REGION- AND WHO RECENTLY SUCCEEDED IN REJOINING
OUR RANKS.

AS FOR THE PROOF OF THE EXPANSIONISM OF THE INDOCHINESE
COMMUNIST FRONT, IT IS IRREFUTABLE. THE DOCUMENTS IN VIETNAMESE
SEIZED BY THE KHMER NAVY AT STUNG VHINIT AND TONLE SAP IN THE
PROVINCE OF KOMPONG CHHNANG SHOW THE EXISTANCE OF AN ORGANIZATION
OF VIETNAMESE LIVING ON KHMER TERRITORY, UNDER THE ORDERS OF
THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST PARTY,
WHICH EXHORTS THE VIETNAMESE COMMUNISTS TO REMAIN ON KHMER SOIL
AND NOT TO LEAVE UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

IN ADDITION, THE TESTIMONY OF TWO VIETCONG CADRE WHO RALLIED
TO OUR FORCES ON AUGUST 28 IN SVAY RIENG CONFIRMS THE PERMANENT
PRESENCE OF THE 9TH NORTH VIETNAMESE DIVISION ON KHMER TERRITORY
AND THE SYSTEMATIC REFUSAL OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE/VIETCONG TO
RESPECT THE PARIS ACCORDS OF JANUARY 27, 1973.

EVEN MORE SERIOUS, THE ENCROACHMENT OF THE INDOCHINESE
COMMUNISTS ON THE KHMER REPUBLIC IS ACCOMPANIED, AT SVAY RIENG,
KOMPONG TRACH AND ELSEWHERE, BY THE SETTLEMENT OF NORTH VIETNAMESE

AND VIETCONG FAMILIES IN KHMER BORDER VILLAGES WHOSE LOCAL
INHABITANTS HAVE BEEN REMOVED OR ASSISSINATED.

DEAR COMPATRIOTS, LET US FIGHT TOGETHER AGAINST THESE FOREIGN
AGGRESSORS WHO ARE THIRSTY FOR KHMER BLOOD AND TERRITORY*
LET US DRIVE THEM FROM MUR SOIL, AND TOGETHER WE WILL RECONSTRUCT
OUR BELOVED COUNTRY WHICH, DURING ONLY THREE AND ONE-HALF YEARS
OF TERRIBLE WAR, HAS SUFFERED UNTOLD DAMAGE TO ITS FLESH, ITS
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CULTURE, ITS CIVILIZATION AND ITS INFRASTRUCTURE - VICTIM, AS
IT IS, OF THESE ATHIEST, RACIST, AND UNSCRUPULOUS EXTERMINATORS,

THE KHMER REPUBLIC, IN THE AVANT-GARDE OF THE FREEDOM AND
DEMOCRACY-LOVING NATIONS OF SOUTHEAST ASIA, IS RESOLUTELY
PURSUING ITS FIGHT FOR LIBERTY AND THE RIGHTS OF MAN AGAINST
THE DEVOURING EXPANSIONISM OF THE INDOCHINESE COMMUNISTS.

RESPECTFUL OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER,
THE KHMER REPUBLIC SOLUMNLY APPEALS TO ALL PEACE, JUSTICE AND
LIVERTY-LOVING COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD, AND IN PARTICULAR TO
THOSE COUNTRIES WHO YEARN FOR PEACE IN THIS REGION. THE KHMER
REPUBLIC ASKS THEM TO ACTIVELY SUPPORT OUR JUST CAUSE, HELP US
IMMEDIATELY TO RE-ESTABLISH PEACE ON OUR TERRITORY, AND THEREBY
ENSURE THE SECURITY OF ALL THE COUNTRIES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA.

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